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# Confederate 2nd National Again Flies Proudly at Castle Pinckney!

By Tom Lowndes Castle Pinckney Committee, Ft. Sumter Camp #1269

On February 3, 2013, the Second National Confederate Flag was raised over Castle Pinckney for the first time in 148 years by Ft. Sumter Camp #1269, SC SCV. This flag was hoisted to the top of a 35 foot flag pole erected earlier by the Camp. The flag measures eight feet by seventeen feet. It is clearly visible to the naked eye from Charleston or from the other side of the Cooper River, Mt. Pleasant.

This flag was first raised on February 17, 1865. In the dead of night the garrison at Castle Pinckney hoisted a brand new Second National flag over the ramparts. The purpose of this was to confuse the Yankees of the garrison's real intent. Orders had been received that it would be necessary to evacuate Castle Pinckney along with all other fortifications defending Charleston.

Sherman was then moving through South Carolina. The troops defending the port city were in danger of being cut off.

## Brief History of Castle Pinckney

Castle Pinckney was built and completed in 1810 as part of the coastal defenses for the new nation. The United States had no navy and the coast line was vulnerable to any navy of the world including pirates. As a new nation on the world stage, several cities were developing into major commerce centers where wealth was concentrating. These ports were recognized as being vulnerable to foreign attack as they were becoming enticing targets.

Fort Pinckney was the first man made structure built on Shutes Folly. The fort was constructed of earth walls supported by log or timbers on the exterior with three small out buildings. The largest was possibly the barracks. The other two may have been a magazine, hot shot furnace, infirmary or privy. Very little information concerning the fort is available.

No sooner was Castle Pinckney and the others completed then they became obsolete. The construction of Ft. Moultrie and Ft. Sumter at

the mouth of the harbor would better keep Charleston out of harm's way. As a result Castle Pinckney became a second line of defense for the city.

Activity at the castle from its construction until 1860 was limited. Repairs and necessary maintenance would continually be done with only a skeleton military presence. At one point the government was considering abandoning the works altogether. Interestingly enough, the final report decided that Castle Pinckney should continue to be maintained in the event of an "internal disturbance." How prophetic.

South Carolina seceded from the Union on December 20, 1860.

Major Anderson, at Ft. Moultrie evacuated his position on Christmas night and occupied Ft. Sumter. Not

wanting again to wake up one morning and finding Castle Pinckney occupied with a full complement of

troops, the Governor sent Col. J.J. Pet-

tigrew to seize Pinckney with

several militia units on December 26,

1860. The seizure of Pinckney was deemed vital to South Carolina due to its proximity to Charleston.

Just as the garrison got settled in an incident occurred that would give Castle Pinckney a particular distinction, although not one that would be coveted. Late at night a nervous guard posted at the sally port

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We in the SCV today, as well-informed students of history, are faced with some similar questions that our Confederate ancestors were faced with 150 years ago. Considering the primary and most focused upon issues, one can hardly argue against the strong parallels that exist today as compared to those of 1860. You may agree or disagree, but in my mind it seems that the revolving door of history is coming around once again.

So I ask myself the question: how will I respond in the coming days, months, and perhaps years as events continue to change the cultural makeup of these United States, its people, its culture and its customs? How many of our liberties and basic constitutional freedoms will we allow to be discarded and unheeded before we become civilly disobedient?

These are, I believe, legitimate questions that many Americans are asking. And, while I am not hoping for a secession of States as occurred in 1860 and 1861, isn't it incredible that a reported 675,000 signatures, from all 50 states, were gathered and recently sent to the US President? We've not seen nor heard of such a movement to this degree in over 150 years. This path we are taking cannot be sustained indefinitely without a major correction.

There is a clear but fine line drawn between who we are as an organization as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and the contemporary political issues we face today. However, since the historical issues are quite identical, then perhaps we can do more to draw attention to this parallel to our fellow citizens who are less informed and uneducated on the subject. Our mission, i.e. *The Charge*, remains the primary focus and direction of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, but individually we as free men, are faced with possible future scenarios that we would prefer not to imagine right now, but alas, many of us already have.

I hate to sound so negative in this column to the membership, but the reality of the times we face is very real and the outcome uncertain. But no matter what comes our way in the future, I pray that every man will seek wisdom and grace from God on high and with His help, may we continue to persevere and defend the rights and liberties that God, not government, guarantees to people. Let us be like Joshua and as God commanded him, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

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## 2013 South Carolina Division Convention

**March 22 & 23**

*By Ron Crawley, Adjutant*

*Sergeant Adam Washington Ballenger Camp #68*

The officers and members of the Adam Washington Ballenger Camp # 68, Sons of Confederate Veterans would like to invite you to Spartanburg for the 2013 South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion!

The last time we gathered in Spartanburg was 1910. On that occasion Confederate Veterans and their Sons helped to dedicate the Spartanburg Confederate Monument. The town of Spartanburg came alive and welcomed the Veterans with fervor.

The Monument now stands at the American Legion Building, site of the 2013 Division Reunion Social. All are welcomed to join us for a re-dedication service to honor those Heroes of Liberty, followed by fellowship and barbecue.

On Saturday morning, we will host a dedication at historic Magnolia Cemetery. Camp #68 recently participated in a major cleanup of this cemetery, along with Camp #1451 and other interested groups, to improve and mark the graves of over 40 Confederate Veterans.

The Saturday Convention will take place at the Cleveland Park Pavilion, a beautiful, spacious, and comfortable facility. It is our goal to create an atmosphere that would encourage the reuniting of our SCV Family. We understand that there is important business to attend to at the Saturday Convention. This of course is no small task and is a necessity. However our organization, just as in business or everyday life, is built on relationships. Our organization will live or die based on those relationships. We welcome and challenge you to come to Spartanburg in March 2013 to revive those relationships, renew your spirit and refocus on what is important.

For more information and registration forms go to

[www.2013scvreunion.org](http://www.2013scvreunion.org)



## From the Editor

Once again the *Palmetto Partisan* has had to make changes to our format and schedule. We will now be using this smaller easier to handle format of the March 2013 issue. Our new schedule will be March, July, and November. We will also be concentrating our efforts towards informing our SC Division members on the happenings within our Division. Therefore we will be making an effort to run more articles covering activities of Division camps and we would like to start a camp bulletin board that will list upcoming activities taking place at camps around the state. This will depend on our membership getting involved in your newsletter. We invite all camp members to submit information about upcoming events within your camp; however we will need this information at least three months before the event in order to fit it into our publishing schedule. You can forward any info you have to Bill Norris at the following email address: [scdiveditor@gmail.com](mailto:scdiveditor@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

By the way, if anyone would prefer to get an electronic copy of the *Palmetto Partisan* instead of the printed copy please send me a notice with your email and I'll add you to our electronic list.

**Thanks,**  
**Bill Norris, Editor**  
**Palmetto Partisan**

Do you feel sometime that you are fighting your daily battles alone? Do you feel that despite all of your efforts that the battle may not be won. Do you ever feel like just giving up and conceding? Well you are not alone in your trials and you may have more power than you know!

When our Confederate ancestors were fighting for all the liberties and principles that we hold dear today, they did so under the greatest of trials, and many times felt that the struggle may be lost. Even though that thought may have entered their mind, they continued to hold their banner high and charged into the very mouth of cannon and musket because they knew they were right. Their cause was worth the struggle, win or lose.

The blue-clad enemies of our ancestors noticed a difference in our ancestor's will and fortitude that was different than their own. They wondered why those Confederates, starved and ragged, could be such determined individuals on the battlefield. A Federal Chaplain explained it to them this way;

*"Remember, you are fighting an enemy that comes from the closet to the battlefield; that comes from its knees in prayer to engage in deadly strife, that comes in the belief that its battles are the battles of Jehovah, that His smile is resting on its banners and will ensure success. What power, to make every man a hero and every hero if need be a martyr."*

Think about it men, you have that same power in Christ. Every day we step out into this world, the enemy is waiting. He is waiting to test your faith. So, when you leave the house each morning do you come from the closet in prayer first? Do you give your daily battles to Jehovah? Don't you know that the pleasure and approval of God Jehovah is also upon your banner, that banner called the CROSS! What an awesome power we as Christians have been give, to make every soldier of the CROSS a hero and every hero if need be a martyr.

So, men keep your faith and be patience, for you belong to the mightiest army ever assemble by God. Lift high your banner and be not afraid, for the victory will be won! JAMES 1:2-4

*"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, Knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."*

Ken Temples  
South Carolina Division Chaplain

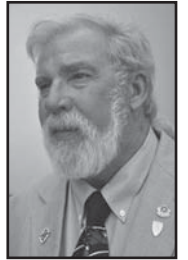


## Greetings Compatriots,

The New Year 2013 is upon us. I pray that everyone and their families had a great Christmas. As we start this new year, we are 2800 members strong in South Carolina. This may seem like a large number, but it should be around 6000 or more members. we have been losing members the past few years due to death and financial hardships affecting our members.

As we look around at our Camp meetings and Reunions, do we see younger members? No. We see an aging membership. Our average member age is well into the 60's. This will not sustain our organization, the SCV. Going forward into the future, I implore all members to work hard and try to bring younger men, sons, nephews, grandsons, and friends into the SCV. Without obtaining young blood into our Organization, we will not be a viable organization in the next 10, 15 or 20 years. Just a memory of the past. Think about it. We must try to our best to bring younger members into the Organization, so that it will not dry up and shrivel, as a grape transforms into a raisin. Let us all follow Gen. Stephen Lee's charge and insure that the SCV in South Carolina does not become an Organization without members in just a few years. Get out in your communities and get involved and let everyone know who we are, what we stand for, and what we do. Hopefully, working in the communities will garner new members for your camps, in order to keep the SCV strong.

Keeping the Flag unfurled  
Ken Thrasher  
Lt. Commander, SC Division



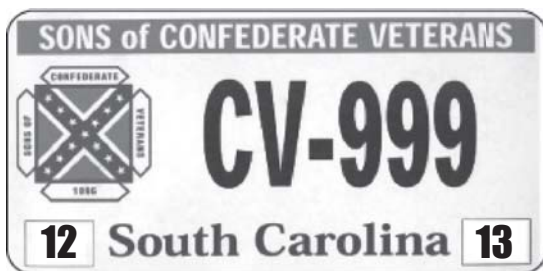
## Around the SC Division

Past Commander Ricky Herndon of the **Parish Mounted Rangers Camp # 2222** says the camp recently held their 2nd successful community blood drive for the American Red Cross and are already planning their 3rd event. The blood drives, which incorporated a local art show, have been a fantastic way to reach out to the community and at the same time expose folks to the truth about the causes of the WBTS. And of course they had a manned recruiting station at each event with several pieces of SCV literature available.

Commander Jamie Graham of **Litchfield Camp #132** is working on a complete listing of Horry County Confederate soldiers, including photos and known information. If you have any ideas or suggestions contact Jamie at [scscv132@gmail.com](mailto:scscv132@gmail.com).

Michael Thomas, Adjutant of the **Private John S. Bird Camp #38** reports that the camp recently conducted a roadside clean-up and then went to work identifying Confederate graves in Charleston's Magnolia Cemetery. They found the grave sites of 14 Confederate veterans for the Grave Registration Program.

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# The Myth of Lincoln and the Thirteenth Amendment

by Thomas J. DiLorenzo

*"Armies of scholars, meticulously investigating every aspect of [Lincoln's] life, have failed to find a single act of racial bigotry on his part."*

Doris Kearns-Goodwin, *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, p. 207.

*"I will say then that I am not, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races, that I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people . . . I as much as any man am in favor of the superior position assigned to the white race."*

Abraham Lincoln, First Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Ottawa, Illinois, Sept. 18, 1858, in *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* vol.3, pp. 145-146.

Steven Spielberg's new movie, *Lincoln*, is said to be based on several chapters of the book *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns-Goodwin, who was a consultant to Spielberg. The main theme of the movie is how clever, manipulative, conniving, scheming, lying, and underhanded Lincoln supposedly was in using his "political skills" to get the Thirteenth Amendment that legally ended slavery through the U.S. House of Representatives in the last months of his life. This entire story is what Lerone Bennett, Jr. the longtime executive editor of *Ebony* magazine and author of *Forced into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream*, calls a "pleasant fiction." It never happened.

It never happened according to the foremost authority on Lincoln among mainstream Lincoln scholars, Harvard University Professor David H. Donald, the recipient of several Pulitzer prizes for his historical writings, including a biography of Lincoln. David Donald is the preeminent Lincoln scholar of our time who began writing award-winning books on the subject in the early 1960s. On page 545 of his magnum opus, *Lincoln*, Donald notes that Lincoln did discuss the Thirteenth Amendment with two members of Congress – James M. Ashley of Ohio and James S. Rollins of Missouri. But if he used "means of persuading congressmen to vote for the Thirteenth Amendment," the theme of the Spielberg movie, "his actions are not recorded. Conclusions about the President's role rested on gossip . . ."

Moreover, there is not a shred of evidence that even one Democratic member of Congress changed his vote on the Thirteenth Amendment (which had previously been defeated) because of Lincoln's actions. Donald documents that Lincoln was told that some New Jersey Democrats could possibly be persuaded to vote for the amendment "if he could persuade [Senator] Charles Sumner to drop a bill to regulate the Camden & Amboy [New Jersey] Railroad, *but he declined to intervene*" (emphasis added). "One New Jersey Democrat," writes David Donald, "well known as a lobbyist for the Camden & Amboy, who had voted against the amendment in July, did abstain in the final vote, but *it cannot be proved that Lincoln influenced his change*" (emphasis added). Thus, according to the foremost authority on Lincoln, there is no evidence at all that Lincoln influenced even a single vote in the U.S. House of Representatives, in complete contradiction of the writings of the confessed plagiarist Doris Kearns-Goodwin and Steven Spielberg's movie (See my review of Goodwin's book, entitled "A Plagiarist's Contribution to Lincoln Idolatry").

### Lincoln's First Thirteenth Amendment Gambit

There is no evidence that Lincoln provided any significant assistance in the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment in the House of Representatives in 1865, but there *is* evidence of his effectiveness in getting an earlier Thirteenth Amendment through the House *and the Senate* in 1861. This proposed amendment was known as the "Corwin Amendment," named

after Ohio Republican Congressman Thomas Corwin. It had passed both the Republican-controlled House and the Republican-dominated U.S. Senate on March 2, 1861, two days before Lincoln's inauguration, and was sent to the states for ratification by Lincoln himself.

The Corwin Amendment would have prohibited the federal government from ever interfering with Southern slavery. It read as follows:

"No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress the power to abolish or interfere, within any State,, with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said State."

"Person held to service" is how the Constitutional Convention referred to slaves, and "domestic institutions" referred to slavery. Lincoln announced to the world that he endorsed the Corwin Amendment in his first inaugural address:

"I understand a proposed amendment to the Constitution – which amendment, however, I have not seen – has passed Congress to the effect that the Federal Government shall never interfere with the domestic institutions of the States, including that of persons held to service . . . [H]olding such a provision to now be implied constitutional law, *I have no objection to its being made express and irrevocable*" (emphasis added).

Believing that slavery was already constitutional, Lincoln had "no objection" to enshrining it explicitly in the text of the U.S. Constitution on the day that he took office. He then sent a letter to the governor of each state transmitting the approved amendment for what he hoped would be ratification and noting that his predecessor, President James Buchanan, had also endorsed it.

Lincoln played a much larger role in getting this first Thirteenth Amendment through Congress than merely endorsing it in his first inaugural address and in his letter to the governors. Even Doris Kearns-Goodwin knows this! On page 296 of *Team of Rivals* she explained how it was Lincoln who, after being elected but before the inauguration, instructed New York Senator William Seward, who would become his secretary of state, to get the amendment through the U.S. Senate. He also instructed Seward to get a federal law passed that would repeal the personal liberty laws in some of the Northern states that were used by those states to nullify the federal Fugitive Slave Act, which Lincoln strongly supported. (The Fugitive Slave Act forced Northerners to hunt down runaway slaves and return them to their owners).

As Goodwin writes: "He [Lincoln] instructed Seward to introduce these proposals in the Senate Committee of Thirteen without indicating they issued from Springfield [Illinois]. The first resolved that 'the Constitution should never be altered so as to authorize Congress to abolish or interfere with slavery in the states.'" The second proposal was that "All state personal liberty laws in opposition to the Fugitive Slave Law be repealed."

So, go and see Spielberg's Lincoln movie if you must, but keep in mind that it is just another left-wing Hollywood fantasy.

November 30, 2012

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*Annual*  
*Confederate Memorial Day*  
COMMEMORATION

**Saturday, May 4, 2013**  
**Elmwood Cemetery – Columbia, SC**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Ceremony Conducted by the  
United Daughters of the Confederacy**

**Procession to the SC State Capitol**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Lead by Reenactors of the Palmetto Battalion**



**Remembrance Service – State House at 12:00 noon**

**Conducted by the SC Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Followed by a Rifle and Cannon Salute honoring  
South Carolina Confederate Veterans**

*Will you join your Brothers and Sisters in Columbia  
on May 4, 2013 to honor your Confederate Fathers?  
Or, will you remain home in silence only to let the memory  
of their courage and valor be forgotten?*

confronted a soldier at the gate, who had forgotten the password long enough to be shot. This soldier has the dubious distinction of becoming the first casualty of the war.

Major changes to Castle Pinckney would take place as the war wore on. The guns of Castle Pinckney were moved elsewhere, principally to defend the coast and to better defend Charleston. For a short while the Castle was used as a military prison for those captured at First Manassas.

During the war, Castle Pinckney never fired a shot in anger. It was, however, fired at once. The result was three killed and several wounded.

In February of 1865, with the end of the war looming ever closer, Castle Pinckney was evacuated and ceased to be a fort for all time.

Title was transferred to several federal agencies from that time on into the 20th century. In the 1930s Castle Pinckney was designated a National Landmark, but this was removed in the 1950s. As such, it became possible for Castle Pinckney to be sold to private interests while retaining its historical designation.

### **Acquisition and Future Plans**

On June 29, 2011, the Ft. Sumter Camp acquired title to Castle Pinckney and that portion of Shutes Folly amounting to approximately five and one-half acres on the south end of the island. The consideration was \$10.00 Confederate currency, duly paid to the State Ports Authority, as grantor from Ft. Sumter Camp, as Grantee. The deed is recorded in the RMC Office for Charleston County.

The intention of the camp is to preserve and restore this historical landmark. The work that will need to be done and the cost associated with it are quite considerable. However, if we focus on each step in the process, it is not as daunting as it first appears. Ft. Sumter Camp recognizes that this project cannot be accomplished by one camp alone. This was understood from the beginning.

We see this as a grand opportunity for the Sons of Confederate Veterans nationwide to have a hand in the process. Castle's history begins in 1810 and goes through to 1865 as a fortification defending Charleston, a major sea port. For the years from 1860 – 1865 the defense of Charleston was the mission of the Confederate States of America. This history will be projected as it was seen and lived by those who made the sacrifices, experienced the events unfolding around them. Historically correct history is the measure not politically correct history. The period from 1810 to 1860 will be documented as events portray that period including the Nullification Crises and other events of recorded history of the times.

This whole project must be as a Sons of Confederate Veterans project. It will need the resources of man power, material and equipment from members that will help reduce costs. Ideas for the project and the possible implementation of the ideas are vital. Leads as to contacts with philanthropic organizations and other sponsors as a source of potential funding will be helpful. Along this line the Camp needs to draft "flyers" for distribution. Input along these lines is important

at this time as it will help determine what activities can be undertaken sooner rather than later.

The Fort Sumter Camp recently appointed Rick Durrance Executive Director of the restoration project at Castle Pinckney. Those who wish to offer ideas, participate in one segment or the other, should contact Mr. Durrance at 843-883-3123, ext. 15 or email him at [rd3477@comcast.net](mailto:rd3477@comcast.net).

## *Signers Monument*

William Edward Curtis devoted his life to the service of his God and to the people of South Carolina. A highly educated Baptist preacher, he and his father, also a notable scholar, founded Lime-stone College in Gaffney where he remained as president until his health failed. He was dedicated to higher learning and spreading the gospel to the people of his state. As former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Columbia, Curtis was naturally the peoples' choice to attend there as a delegate at the Secession Convention. For all his

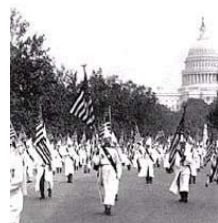
many contributions to the people of South Carolina, the only remaining public acknowledgement of his existence is this 12" x 18" flat marker in his wife's family cemetery in Georgia.



The Signers Monument, sponsored by the SC Division, will finally recognize Curtis and the other 169 men who risked their all for the people of South Carolina. Your help is needed! Learn how you can be a part of this historic project at [www.scsignersmonument.com](http://www.scsignersmonument.com) or contact Albert Jackson at 803-854-3986 or Robert Roper at 864-923-2952.

South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

## **Policy on Hate Groups**



The Sons of Confederate Veterans is not a hate group and The South Carolina Division, SCV does not knowingly allow any with ties to hate groups to join. The SCV has removed, and will remove, any member who expresses racist sentiments. Specifically, the following is not allowed and will be grounds for immediate dismissal:

Membership in or attempting to recruit SCV members for racist organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party or National Alliance.

Disseminating racist literature to fellow SCV members by mail or in person.

Membership in any organization promoting the violent overthrow of the United States government.

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCV MUST BE AWARE OF THESE RESTRICTIONS AS THEY WILL BE VIGOROUSLY ENFORCED.**

Loving the South and defending its culture, symbols and heritage **DOES NOT MEAN HATE**. Many SCV members are descendants of a varied cross section of descendants of the old south, such as: Native-Americans, African-Americans, Hispanic and Asian-Americans, Jewish and Christian Confederates. These groups' contributions to Southern culture have made the South a beautiful and unique region. To deny their descendants membership in our organization would betray our principles and the very ancestors we honor. We welcome all descendants of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Marines or those who materially aided the South in its struggle for independence.



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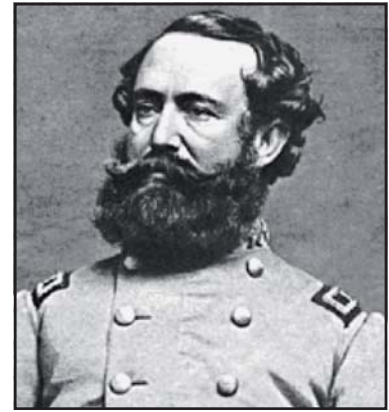


*All are invited to attend the*

# *Wade Hampton Day Memorial Service*

*Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 2 P.M.*

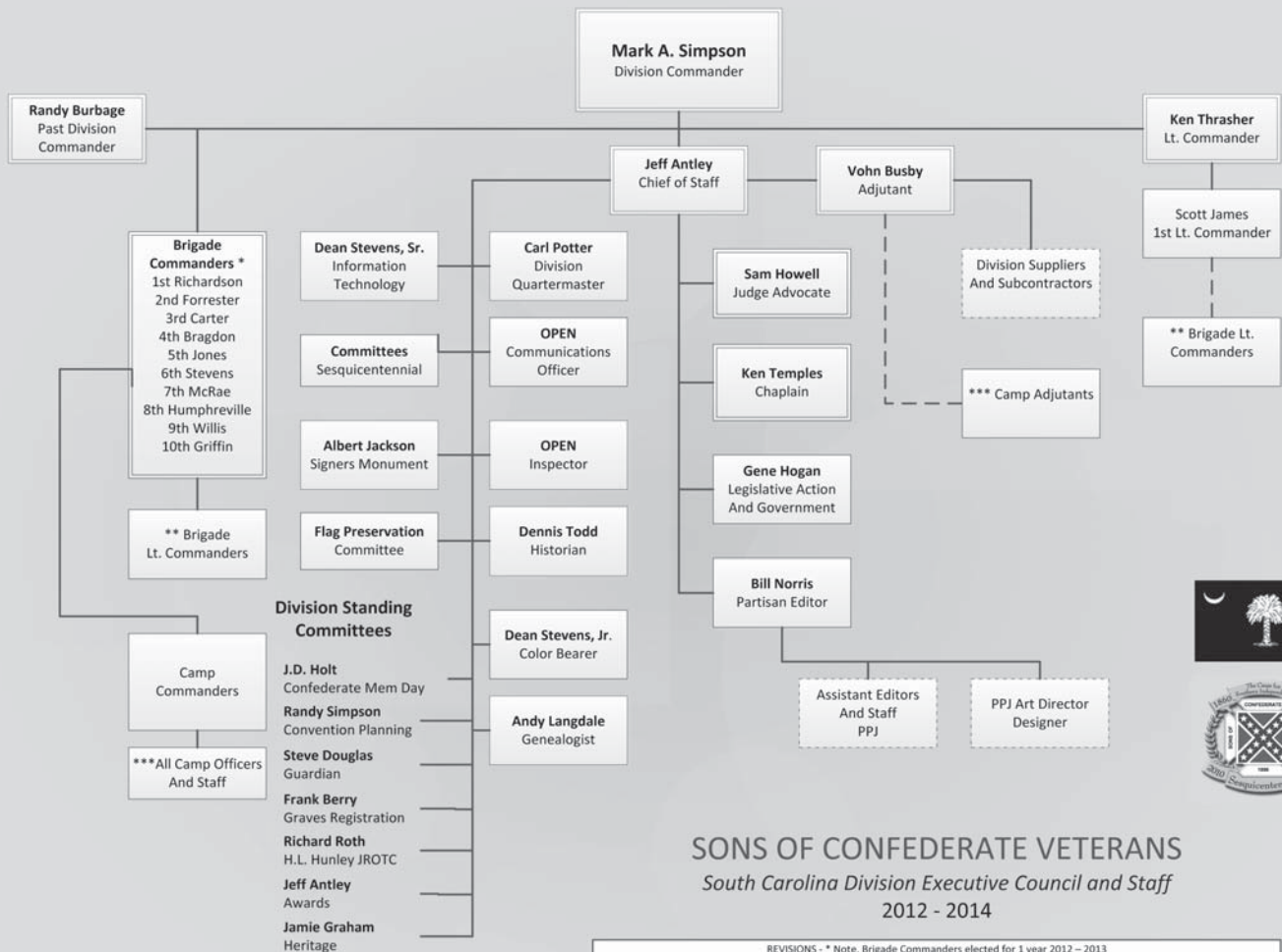
*In the Kenan Chapel at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
1100 Sumter St., Columbia, South Carolina*



After the service there will be a cannon & rifle salute across the street at the Wade Hampton Monument on the State Capitol grounds.  
Directions will be available for those wishing to visit historic Millwood Plantation after the salute.

For more information contact Committee Chairman Bob Slimp at 803-782-0924

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**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**  
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The SC Division Guardian Program, through individual commitment of the SCV membership, attempts to preserve the final resting places of our Confederate dead. Thousands of their marked graves have been lost over the years because of neglect, vandalism, urban encroachment, or derelict tactics of agriculture and land development. Many thousands more of these brave soldiers never had the common decency of a marked grave and were buried on the battlefield, some in mass graves, or simply left to the elements and scavengers.

Justification of this program may seem negligible to some, to others it is the very root of our organization. Once proof of their existence by means of their graves is lost, their story can then be easily obliterated. The following article from the April 1896 *Confederate Veteran Magazine* should instill in even the coldest heart as to why the Guardian Program is so very important and why you should do your duty in protecting those of our Heroes graves which still remain.

### - Field of Bones -

On June 4, 1869, there appeared in the *San Francisco Bulletin* newspaper a story detailing the inhumane treatment of Confederate dead.

On the northwest side of a fortification on Malvern Hill, also



known as the Battle of Poindexter's Farm, on July 1, 1862, in Henrico County, Virginia, some five thousand fallen Confederate soldiers had been buried where they fell. After the war the owner of the property, presumably a farmer named Poindexter, when planting his crops ploughed up some twenty acres of the field in which they were buried, and his ploughshare turned to the surface all the Confederate skeletons.

Over the whole tract, the Confederate bones were strewn in profusion and grinning skeletons stared visitors in the face on every hand. When the farmer was questioned as to why he had desecrated the Confederate burial ground he explained that the land was the "richest piece of property" he had; and he justified his sacrilegious act by saying "I didn't put 'em there nohow."

It was learned by the newspaper reporter later that cartloads of bones had already been recovered by the property owner, carted away and sold to Northern owned fertilizer mills in Richmond.

Two humane individuals, being too poor to do anything about it, went to the field while the news reporter was there, and attempted to burn some of the bones to prevent their removal from the historic battlefield graveyard for profit.

For further information about the Guardian Program visit the SC Division website at [www.scsdv.com](http://www.scsdv.com) or contact Steve Douglas at 803-854-2103.



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